have taken the following steps for plugging loopholes in the existing system to protect the interests of the genuine members of the Group Housing Societies:

(i) Declaration of vacancies in the societies through advertisement in leading newspapers and inviting objections for proposals regarding clearance of membership has been made compulsory.

(ii) The process of transfer of membership and issuance of no objection certificate by societies has been rationalised.

(iii) Indicating the details of Permanent Account Number, Bank Account, attestation of the photograph and signature of the member by a gazetted officer has been made mandatory for all the members of the group housing societies to ensure genuineness of membership.

(iv) Rule 24(2) of Delhi Cooperative Society Rules, 1973 has been amended to ensure enrolment of new members in a transparent and fair manner.

(v) Revial of defunct Cooperative Group Housing Societies has been banned.

Classification of Hyderabad as A-1 City

269. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to declare Hyderabad City as A-1 City on the basis of 2001 population which has already crossed the population of 55.34 lakhs by which Hyderabad City is incited to the status of A-1 category at par with 4 metro cities in India;

(b) the reasons for the delay in keeping this issue pending for a long time, without declaring Hyderabad city as A-1;

(c) whether Government would assure of declaring Hyderabad as A-1 City at the earliest to enable Andhra Pradesh Government to get special grants for further improvement of Hyderabad City; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies

270. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unauthorised colonies to be authorised/approved in Delhi, colony-wise;

(b) whether any policy/guidelines have been formulated in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to implement the above policy in the public interest; and

(d) by when these unauthorised colonies are likely to be approved/ declared authorised?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Govt. of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that in pursuance of Delhi High Court order dated 29.9.2004 in CWP No. 8487/2003, it had issued a public notice on 22.11.2004 inviting applications from Resident Societies of unauthorized colonies for regularization as per terms and conditions as may be approved by Competent Authority. 1432 applications have been received. These applications have been referred for scrutiny to various land owning agencies.

(b) and (d) Government had prepared guidelines for regularization of unauthorized colonies which were in existence as on 31.3.1993 and filed the same in Delhi High Court in February 2001 in CWP No. 4771/1993-Common Cause (Regd.) Society Versus Union of India & others. The guidelines were revised in February 2004. GNCTD has again requested for revision of certain provisions of the revised guidelines.

In view of the legal and administrative issues involved, no time frame has been fixed.